On the basis of discussions held with Trade Union Leaders a Press Note was issued on payment of interim relief to workers in public sector enterprises, Guidelines issued conform to the Press Note. Certain issues raised in implementing the guidelines are under consideration.

Corruption in the matter of recruitment in BCCL

2217. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints and come across reports to the effect that there is rampant corruption in the recruitment of employees in the coalmines managed by Bharat Coking Coal Ltd., Dhanbad;

(b) if so, what are the details thereto;

(c) whether Dhanbad police are presently investigating into such complaints; and

(d) whether these complaints were filed by BCC Ltd. Dhanbad?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) It is not a fact that there is rampant corruption by the management in making recruitment of employees for the BCCL's coal mines. However, complaints do come in occasionally alleging that certain individuals have obtained appointments by fraudulent means, such as, by production of false certificates of their belonging to reserved categories or falsely claiming themselves to be dependents of employees dying in harness or those opting for voluntary retirement or becoming permanently disabled etc. There are also stray complaints of certain people continuing in employment as imposters.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Some of the complaints were filed by BCCL. The District authorities also receive complaints direct through other sources.

Policy for the paint industry

2218. SHRI N. RAJANGAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 174 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th April, 1987 and state:

(a) what are the particulars of the items of paints and coatings reserved exclusively for production in the small scale sector;

(b) whether any study on the Paint Industry was made by the DGS&D at any stage and if so, when and what are its findings;

(c) which are the units presently manufacturing Marine protective coatings and corrosion inhibitors;

(d) whether any of the units have taken permission from Government for upgradation of their technology and whether Government have drawn up any plans to encourage indigenous production of these items which are being imported presently; if so, the broad features thereof; and

(e) whether any of these items can be manufactured viably in the country; if so, which are these items?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) A statement-I is attached (*See* below).

(b) This Ministry is not aware of any such study.

(c) A statement-II is attached. (*See* below).

(d) and (e) To encourage indigenous production some units have been granted approvals for foreign collaboration and import of know-how for upgrading technology for the manufacture of marine protective coatings and corrosion inhibitors. It is expected that by using the latest technology, such items can be manufactured viably in the country.